

PART OF CITY AIRPORT IN BRONX, LYONS FINDS

Borough President Urges Board to Study Boundary Lines

Startled by his discovery that part of the filled-in land of North Beach Airport in Queens comes within the boundary of the Borough of the Bronx, as set forth by the Administrative Code, James J. Lyons, Bronx Borough President, announced yesterday that he had written to the Board of Estimate asking the authorization of a boundary commission to study the boundary lines of the five boroughs. Mr. Lyons has been troubled for some time over the fact that Marble Hill, a small section lying north of Harlem River Ship Canal, is in Manhattan and not the Bronx.

The western tip of the airport, including parts of runways 2, 3 and 4, are in the Bronx, the Borough President asserted. He also said that parts of the Marble Hill section, while in Manhattan, were taxed at the lower Bronx rate.

"In case of serious accident or crime in the uncertain Marble Hill section," he said, "or on the filled-in land at La Guardia Field, there might arise a question of jurisdiction between the prosecuting authorities of the counties involved, and legal questions might be presented due to the conflicting interpretations of the Administrative Code."

He suggested that the Board of Estimate ask Mayor La Guardia to appoint a boundary commission to include the chief engineers of the board and of each of the boroughs.

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